GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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Smoking and Drug Addiction
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been substantial increase in incidents of smoking and drug addiction among women in the country during the last five years as per the survey of Public Health Foundation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan or a policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): No Report of such survey has been received from Public Health Foundation of India either in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare or in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
(c): The Ministry has formulated a National Policy for Drug Demand Reduction, which has been referred to the Group of Ministers headed by the Minister of Home Affairs. The Ministry had also issued an Advisory to States and Union Territories on 11.08.2016 for taking coordinated action to address the problem of drug abuse which, inter-alia, includes prevention of substance abuse among women in the country such as:-

i) Establishing separate and specialised de-addiction treatment centres/facilities for drug dependent females and children, especially in Central Government Hospitals/Medical colleges.
ii) Establishing appropriate facilities for women and young girls who suffer from economic, social and physical consequences on account of their male partner using drugs.